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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a Korean Office Action mailed November 29, 2005. A copy is enclosed

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is a follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

WO 99/44199 and US 6,551,679 are English equivalents of KR 2001-20233. EP 0 294 932 is an English equivalent of KR 1992-2931. English abstracts have also been included for the Korean references.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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